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3.00 p.m.—Church School and Young Men's Class.
7.00 p.m.—Musical Prelude.
7.30 p.m.—Public Worship. DR. ROBERTS will preach at both Services. In the evening he will commence a series of sermons on "THE ASSIZE OF LIFE."
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FIVE PLAYS TO BE GIVEN BY FACULTY

"Diminutive Dramas" Will be Presented To-night

AT R. V. C.

Mandolin Club Will Render Selections in Inter-missions

At 8.30 this evening, in the Convocation Hall of the R.V.C., the students of McGill will experience the rare delight of beholding a grave and reverend professoriate disport itself with youthful abandon upon the stage. For to-night the McGill Alumnae Association will present its annual "Diminutive Dramas."

The view of the great demand for tickets, which might result in a large number of the less fortunate students being disappointed, another presentation of the plays will be made next Saturday at the same time, place, and price.

It is many years since the faculty inaugurated the "Diminutive Dramas." At that time they were received with such phenomenal popularity that they were immediately made a regular institution. Since then they have become increasingly popular.

Of late years the plays have been chiefly of the classical variety, featuring mainly scenes from Ancient Greece and Rome. Last year, however, Stephen Leacock's "Behind the Beyond" was presented in dumb show, and met with extraordinary success, later forming an important act in the McGill Theatre Night. As a result all of the plays on this year's programme are of the comic variety, three of them being written by Professor Stephen Leacock himself.

As to the plays themselves, little can be said, as everything is being kept secret. Judging from the titles and the casts, however, it can be safely predicted that the programme (Continued on page 3)

WHAT'S ON

TO-DAY

2.00 Rifle Shoot.
2.00—5.30—Theatre Night rehearsals.
5.00—Phil Orchestra Practice.
7.30—Theological Undergrads.
8.00—Junior Basketball.
8.00—Mandolin Club.
8.30—Diminutive Dramas.

COMING

Mon., Mar. 10.
Dr. Shepherd at Alpha Omega Alpha.
Dr. Chipman at Med. Soc.
Glee Club Concert R.V.C.
Immanuel Y. P. S.
Meil Reds vs. Macdonald.
Tues., Mar. 11.

303 calibre C.I.R.A. match.
Intermediate Hockey: McGill vs. M.A.A.A.

Big Election Snicker.
University Settlement "Open Day."

Wed., Mar. 12.
Historical Club.
Theological Undergrads.
Election Day.

Thurs., Mar. 13th.
S. C. A. Annual Meeting.
Economics Club Meeting.
Lit. Impromptu Speaking Contest.

Fri., Mar. 14.
Alma Mater Dance.

Sat., Mar. 14.
22 calibre C.I.R.A. match.

Mon., Mar. 17th.
Mock Parliament.

Wed., Mar. 19.
McGill Electrical Club Banquet.

ACCOUNT OF SOUTH SEAS EXPERIENCE

Recent Letter Describes Lengthy Voyage

DR. CASEY WOOD

Places of Ornithological Interest in Southern Hemisphere Visited

In a recent letter to Dr. G. R. Somer, of the Redpath Library, Dr. Casey Wood, the founder and chief supporter of the Emma Shearer Wood Library of Ornithology at McGill, tells of his travels and experiences in the South Seas. Dr. Wood, who is an authority upon the "Eyes and Eyesight of Birds," has lately made an extensive tour in the South in order to perfect his knowledge of "General Ornithology."

Among the places he visited were Tahiti, in French Oceania, Rarotonga, in the Cook Islands, both the islands of New Zealand, a few localities on the Australian continent, the Tzitzis, certain of the Tongan and Samoan Groups and, finally, Hawaii. One of the historical spots in which Dr. Wood was much interested was Papeete, Tahiti. It was here that Lieut. Bligh, one of Captain Cook's officers, first saw the incomparable bread-fruit. Bligh so talked about this fruit that in 1787 he was given command of an expedition to the southern seas for its examination. The name of his ship was the "Bounty" and he was its commander when the crew marooned the officers and settled on Pitcairn Island.

In answer to an enquiry as to whether authors of Southern tales draw upon their imagination, Dr. Wood writes "What is true of the scenery, the flora, the fauna and the meteorology of Polynesia is also true of its human element. I am quite sure there are many lives at this moment being lived on the islands of the South Seas that properly belong either to a century in advance or several hundred years behind our own times. I would say, nothing any South Sea romance may write is likely to transcend the limits of the possible so long as he deals with human beings."

Among the many wonderful birds seen by Dr. Wood were the albatross, which needs no description, and the Red-tailed Tropic-bird, whose tail feathers are eagerly sought for millinery decorations. This last was a great (Continued on page 3)

CONFERENCE OF COLLEGES NEXT AUGUST

Tenth Annual Meeting to be Held

AT TORONTO

Principal and Professors from McGill Will Represent University

The Conference of Canadian Universities is to be held in Toronto this summer, according to the announcement received yesterday by Sir Arthur Currie. The dates of the conference are August 14, 15, and 16. Prominent members of the McGill Faculties will attend, and subjects which are of common interest to Canadian colleges will be discussed.

This Conference is an important factor in promoting co-operation between all of the twenty-eight Canadian Colleges represented there, and in spreading useful information. It was formed in 1911, and held its first annual meeting in Montreal, since then, the Conference has met at Toronto, Ottawa, Quebec, Winnipeg, and Kingston. The ninth meeting was held last year at Queen's Kingston, at which Sir Arthur Currie, Dean Laing, Dean Adams, Prof. McCallum, and Dr. Rutan represented McGill.

The President of the Conference of Canadian Universities for 1924 is Principal R. Bruce Taylor of Queen's. Sir Arthur Currie is Vice-President, and Dean G. H. Laing is Secretary-Treasurer. Other members of the executive board are Dr. Nolin and Dr. W. H. Hattie.

The business is carried out in this manner. Committees are elected to undertake the different phases of work. The questions are considered, debated upon, and resolutions are passed, which effect the different Colleges. Papers on important subjects are read before the Conference by Professors. For example, at the (Continued on Page Four)

DINNER BEFORE THEATRE NIGHT

Arts '24 to Hold Special Class Function

Plans for the remainder of the session were discussed yesterday afternoon at a class meeting held by Arts '24 in Room 202 of the Arts Building. The Secretary-Treasurer Laurence Sessenwein, read the minutes of the previous meeting and also gave to the class some light upon their financial affairs. Doubtful unanimity was shown upon a motion that the Secretary-Treasurer read out the names of those few who had not yet paid the class fee. This however was done, without any breaking up of the harmony of the meeting. A short but lively discussion as to the relations of the class to the McGill Annual then ensued. Being the graduating class in Arts this year, it was felt that much should be done for this the last appearance of the class in the time-honoured pages of the Annual.

Upon the winding up of all financial intricacies, a hearty vote of thanks was forwarded to the Secretary-Treasurer, for his labours during the past part of the session on behalf of the class interests. This motion was accepted in the same spirit that it had been passed, and again unanimity reigned.

Following this, the President, Laurence C. Tombs, brought up the suggestion of the holding of a class dinner to take place upon March 28th or 29th before one of the performances. (Continued on Page Four)

MESSAGE OF CONDOLENCE

The Undergraduate Society of the Faculty of Science, wish to extend their heartfelt sympathies to Francis Francis, of this faculty, and to the rest of his family in view of their recent bereavement, which is mentioned elsewhere in these columns.

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Pierre

VARSIITY-McGILL GYMNASIIC MEET TO-NIGHT

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THE HAZING QUESTION.

As can be seen from an article in yesterday's "Daily," and from a letter in this, there is a movement being promoted among the men of the first year, which aims at the betterment of the present method of welcoming freshmen to McGill. This can only be done by the complete abolishment of the whole system of the careful obliteration of those features which are liable to prove extremely unsatisfactory, either by endangering the good name of McGill, or by causing unfortunate effects to visit the initiates. Not even an iota of doubt can exist in the minds of the thoughtful regarding the failure of last year's initiation. In the beginning the official welcome was nominally under control, but before the month was even well advanced the rules, which had been drawn up, were disregarded and hazing went its own course, accompanied by the usual unpleasant incidents. Disorder thrust out order, and by the completion of the allotted time the affair in its totality had degenerated into a farcical fizzle. Small wonder is it that criticisms were muttered.

Yet there is one angle of outlook which has its pleasant aspect, and that is that the freshmen now at McGill should know better how unsatisfactory a poor initiation can be, for they were the unfortunate recipients of the recent autumnal rites. Thus— for we take it for granted that there are the average amount of brains in the year—these men are in an excellent position of advantage to bring forward suggestions and helpful criticisms which should work for a solution to what has been a perennial problem. The pendulum of student thought, as far as can be ascertained, is swinging at present towards a sane reception, and personally we think that too much cannot be done to encourage this attitude. Naturally enough there are some objections to this, such as the one based on the spirit of retaliation, and another on the necessity of subjection. The first is illogical and unethical. As for the second, the best way to make a freshman feel insignificant and completely non-essential, is to utterly ignore him. No other method accomplishes its purpose to such an extent. But there are yet other things which should be remembered while preparing the welcome for the incoming classes. The first, and the most fundamental, is that even a freshman is human. He is, taken by and large, a gentleman and as the sophomore falls into the same category we do not expect to see any signs of bullying or back-alley wrangling. And though it may be amusing, from one point of view, to bring about temporary disfigurement with its co-existing discomfort, it is much wiser to give the new arrivals an immediate and correct insight into college life as it really is. They might then become useful members of the undergraduate body with greater rapidity than they do at present; they might see things in a clearer light at an earlier hour.

The entire question is deserving of the most serious thought by all students for a solution must be arrived at, preferably before the present session comes to an end. Two meetings of the Students' Society are being held within the next twelve days, and the subject of initiations would not be harmed by a thorough and careful public airing. In fact, such a process might do it an unexpected amount of good.

THE GYMNASIUM COMPETITION

For the past two years McGill has been successful in winning the annual Intercollegiate Gymnastic Competition, and tonight at the Central Y.M.C.A., the local athletes will defend their title against the representatives of the University of Toronto. The record of the men of the Red and White so far has been an enviable one, for out of three possible wins they have taken two.

The competition was held here in 1922, and on that occasion the contest was very closely fought. The spectators were unable to judge by the progress of the meet which team had gained the advantage, and to many the news that McGill had won came as a pleasant surprise. Last March the team made the trip to the Queen City, and in the spacious gymnasium at Hart House they once again clearly demonstrated their superiority over the Toronto athletes. The margin on that occasion was a rather narrow one, but the finished style of the McGill men was the deciding feature of the meet.

The work of the McGill Gymnastic Club deserves more credit than is usually accorded to it. The men who make up this year's team have been practising steadily since early in the session, in order to perfect every phase of their accomplishments. But that is not all; they are men who spent years in training before coming to McGill, for an expert gymnast is not developed in one season.

Those who have had the privilege of witnessing such a competition will not need to be urged to attend. The spectacle is one which cannot fail to prove interesting; the movements are all gracefully executed, and many of them are difficult and daring. Therefore, to the McGill team we wish every success, and we trust that it will be able to retain the championship.

The meet is the final Intercollegiate event of the present session, and should prove a fitting conclusion.

NOTICES

MEDICALS—NOTE!

The open meeting of the Alpha Omega Alpha Fraternity, to be addressed by Dr. F. J. Shepherd, is postponed from Monday, March 10th, to Monday, March 24th, on account of the meeting of the Medical Undergraduate Society on the former date.

MEDICINE '24.

The members of the class of Medicine '24 are asked to have their portraits taken as early as possible. Appointments may be made at Rice's Studio, at either Up. 380, or at 375 St. Catherine St. W. A deposit of \$2 must be made.

INDOOR TRACK TEAM

Indoor track practices are being held at the Montreal High Gym, Mondays, Wednesdays, and Fridays at 5.30 p.m. Coach Van Wagner would like to see all men who are interested in track work attend at these practices.

MEDICAL COUNCIL OF CANADA

Word has been received that an examination for the "Dominion License" will be held in Montreal in June 1924. Students of the final year who intend to sit for this examination should write at once to Dr. R. W. Powell, 180 Cooper Street, Ottawa, Ont., giving details of their Provincial registration in order that their names may be put on the list.

This should be done without delay.

J. C. Simpson,

Secretary, Faculty of Medicine.

ARTS '24 GRADUATION

Will the following men of Arts '24 please have their graduation portraits taken at Norman's immediately: Max Ellison, H. B. Hampson, C. A. Holland, L. Sessunwein.

JUNIOR 'B' BASKETBALL

All men not having paid for their pictures please see manager as soon as possible.

NOTICE.

Will the following men of the Intermediate hockey squad please hand in the equipment which was issued to them, this week. Bill Holden will be at the Union every day this week from 1 till 6 p.m., with their receipts for the equipment. It is important that this equipment be in this week: H. Galley, Jeff Harding, J. G. Lynch, Leo De Hattie, H. C. Smith, W. H. Pinney, J. F. Bartlett, W. B. Allan, J. S. Hamilton, S. Cooke, R. J. Conrad, McDonald, H. C. Thompson, G. M. Pelton, A. S. Patterson.

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ANNUAL MEETING THEOLOGICAL

Annual meeting of the Theological Undergraduate Society will be held in the Union March 12th at 7.30 p.m.

NOMINATIONS FOR MEDICAL SOCIETY.

Nominations for President, Vice-President, Case Reporter, Treasurer, Councillor, Secretary and Assistant-Secretary must be in the hands of the Secretary of the Medical Society by noon on Tuesday, March 11th.

MANDOLIN CLUB.

The Club is playing for the Diminutive Dramas on this Saturday night, March 8, in the R. V. C. Members must be in the R. V. C. by 7.45. Wear tuxedos, if possible. The Club is also playing for the Smoker on Tuesday night, March 11. Members are requested to keep this night open.

JUNIOR BASKETBALL.

Junior game with Engineers this evening at 8, in Molson's Hall.

R. V. C. '24

Those who wish to get class pins or rings please sign the notice in the Arts Building or at R. V. C. immediately.

R. V. C. GYM. DEM.

Tickets for the Gym. Demonstration are in the hands of the class representatives, and may be obtained from the following:

Year IV.—M. Dyke.
Year III.—M. McWalter.
Year II.—F. Stocking.
Year I.—G. Cameron.

GYMNASIUM CLUB.

The following men, who were in the club picture, are asked to give 75 cents to the secretary-treasurer, S. McKyes, Sec. II, as soon as possible: Gordon, Becker, Keene, Lister, Racey, Patterson, Abrose, Costigan, Gill, Delahay, Consiglio, Baker, and Bourne.

Any of the above men who wish to get as ushers at the meet on Saturday night please see the manager or Mr. Finlay to-day.

BASKETBALL.

All equipment for all teams must be turned in before the end of the week to the Athletic Manager's office in the Union. Annual basketball meeting will be held on Wednesday, March 12th, at 6 p.m. sharp, in the Union. All members of teams are urged to be present as well as any others interested.

HISTORICAL CLUB.

Owing to the Election Smoker the ninth meeting will not be held until Wednesday, March 13th, at eight o'clock, at the residence of Mr. W. C. M. Shepherd, 167 Edgehill Road, Westmount, (just above Boulevard). A. O. Lloyd, on "Christianity: Present-day Tendencies," and R. C. Tennant on "Islam: past, present and future." Theologians, past and present members, are especially urged to attend.

FENCERS.

The following members of the Club are urged to note this final warning. H. St. Maxwell, M. J. Mercier, A. O. Heir, L. C. Tombs, G. Lafleur, P. A. Price, A. H. MacNab and D. S. Munro.

Their fells will be disposed of unless they come to take them away.

Special notice is to be taken of the fact that Coach Raimondy is in the Armoury on Club Days from 4 to 7 p.m. Members who wish to obtain a little extra coaching should come at 4 o'clock. In this way all members should receive some individual instruction.

Saturday afternoon all members are urged to be present at the fencing meet. Fencing bouts will be held in pools. A big turn out is expected.

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RIFLE CLUB.

Will the following men kindly be on hand this afternoon at 2 p.m., at the M. H. S. range to take part in the Yale, Oxford, McGill triangular match: Delceller, Hunter, Nadler, Mooney, Puddicombe, Shotwell, Williams, Morris, Moore, Wheeler, Wilson and Yerxa.

This match consists of both application and rapid fire.

The remaining matches to be shot this term are: C.I.R.A., 303, March 11th; C.I.R.A., 322, March 16th, and Dartmouth College, March 22nd.

SNOOKER TOURNAMENT—

2nd Round.

C. Rosenhek vs. R. Duval.
E. L. Bouillon vs. R. Whiting.
J. R. Robertson vs. F. L. Fisher.
T. McNally, bye.

ELECTRICAL CLUB DINNER.

Tickets for the Electrical Club Banquet to be held on March 19th, are to be obtained from Richardson, 24; Sharp, 25, at \$2.00 each.

CHEMICAL INDUSTRY CLUB.

The club will visit the Gas Works this afternoon, March 8th. Members must be at the Union by 1.45 sharp. Special efforts were made to secure this trip, and it should prove one of the most interesting of the season.

WM. H. BARNES,

Sec.-Treas.

CITY LEAGUE INDOOR BASE-

BALL

McGill "Reds" vs. MacDonald College at M. H. S. gym. on Monday, March 10th, at 6 p.m. All "Red" players please be out. To win this game means to win the championship.

EMMANUEL Y. P. S.

On Monday evening, at 8.15 p.m., Prof. Alex. Moore, Head of the Department of Pharmacy, will lecture the Emmanuel Y. P. S. at Stevenson Hall on "Narcotics, their Uses and Abuse." A full attendance is urged.

R. V. C. STUDENTS.

Tickets for the Glee Club concert the Porter at the R. V. C.

ANNUAL BOARD NOTICE.

The Annual Board have copies of the following group photographs waiting to be called for at the Board Room any day at 5 o'clock:

Literary and Debating Society, Students' Council, Medical Undergrad Society, Arts Undergrad Society, Medicine '25 Indoor Baseball Team, McGill Harrier Team, Medical Football Team, Rowing Club, Psychological Society, Tennis Team, Senior Basketball Team, Intermediate Football Team, McGill Rifle Association, Track Team, Science '27 Basketball Team.

ECONOMICS CLUB.

On Thursday, March 12, at 8.15 p.m., in the Smoking Room of the Arts Building, the Economics Club will meet for the last regular meeting of the Session. F. M. Reid and G. W. McDonald will present papers on "The Canadian Banking System: Defects and Remedies." These will be followed by open discussion. Students interested are invited to be present. Refreshments will be served.

THEATRE NIGHT.

Faculty Behentals take place this afternoon at the following hours: All those taking part are urged to attend all the rehearsals which will be scheduled from time to time in the

QUEEN'S DEBATERS WIN FROM LOYOLA

Gain Double Victory and Intercollegiate Championship

By defeating the Loyola debaters, both in Montreal and in Kingston on Thursday evening, the teams representing Queen's University annexed the Intercollegiate Debating Championship for this year.

The debating schedule this season was divided into two sections, the one composed of Loyola, Bishop's College, and Ottawa College, the other made up of Queen's, Toronto Varsity and McGill. The subject for discussion was in every case the same. It was solved, that the record of the League of Nations justifies its continued existence. Each university entered two teams, one upholding the affirmative, the other the negative.

In the first section of the schedule the three teams broke even. The judges of the various contests pooled their decisions, however, and it was decided that Loyola had won on points. In the other section debates were held on the same evening in Kingston, Toronto and Montreal and the Queen's debaters were successful in winning both contests, thus obtaining the championship of their section.

On Thursday night Loyola and Queen's clashed in the finals in both Kingston and Montreal. In the home debate Sinclair and Sisaco for Queens, upholding the affirmative of the re-

solution, won the decision from Kennedy and Scott of Loyola, the judges being unanimous. In the debate at Montreal, Smith and McFarlane, of Queens, defeated McDonald and Maloney, of Loyola, the sides taken in this case being reversed.

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A large crowd had assembled when Dr. Keys opened the meeting. Dr. Eves then took the first few minutes to perform an interesting electro-magnetic experiment. He explained briefly the rather complicated apparatus, and then showed the experiment. A moving spot of light, reflected on the screen from the apparatus, traced out a smooth path of unusual shape.

Mr. Bentley, the main speaker, explained how he came to undertake his unique study. Back in the '80s he began to examine the forms of dew, frost and snow, through a strong magnifying glass which his mother had given him. His curiosity grew into a hobby. To preserve the frail beauty which he saw, he began to photograph the different forms. He arranged an extension camera, with a very powerful lens, and photographed his crystals against a dark background. At the back of his home he now has a "cold room" where he takes his crystals to be photographed. He is the only man who has undertaken this work, and his pictures are in every library and museum in America.

The first slides showed the beautiful effects of dew drops on grass blades and strawberry leaves. Spider webs strung with dew, looked like ropes of pearls under the magnifying glass. One curious slide showed a large grasshopper on a flower, with his legs, body, and feelers covered with beads of dew. In order to photograph this grasshopper Mr. Bentley had to tie it to the flower with thread, and then let the dew form upon it.

The speaker showed several views of wonderful cloud formations in the hilly country around his farm. Low mists around the mountains, large thunder clouds, and cirrus, showed well on the screen. There were other pictures of the woods after heavy ice and snow storms, when everything looked "like fairyland."

The greater part of the collection of pictures was of snow flakes. These were selected out of over four thousand which Mr. Bentley has photographed since 1880. He explained that the rapidly-formed crystals were heavy, while those slowly formed were light and branching. It is the branching, six-sided kind of crystals which is the most beautiful. No two forms are the same, but all are perfectly symmetrical, even in the smaller details. It is impossible to describe these shapes and shadings and lines justly. Mr. Bentley says they form very good designs for lace and embroidery. Some of the last slides were of flakes photographed this winter,—"this winter's crop" as the speaker called them.

After his lecture, Mr. Bentley offered to answer any questions. Professor Lloyd thanked him, and a vote of thanks was tendered him.

RIFLE CLUB SHOOT IN TRIANGULAR MATCH

This afternoon in the Montreal High School range, the McGill Rifle Club will take part in a triangular match with Yale and Oxford. The results will be transmitted by the Associated Press who also telegraphed the results of the Yale-Oxford match last year. This year the contest will be a three sided competition, McGill having entered this year at the request of the other two colleges.

For the application English targets will be used, and these have been supplied by Oxford while McGill are supplying the targets for the rapid fire which are the regular C.I.R.A. targets. The match, which begins at two o'clock, is one of the many held this year by the Rifle Club and which will be followed by the three more this month. The next shoot will be the C.I.R.A. 303 on March 11th, which will be followed on March 15th, by the C.I.R.A. 222. The match with Dartmouth College takes place on March 22nd.

The McGill team tomorrow will be composed of Decker, Hunter, Nader, Mooney, Puddicombe, Shot-

GREAT MEN HAD ECCENTRICITIES

Every Author and Musician Had His Peculiarities

Many qualities which would be regarded as consumable, if possessed by ordinary men and women, are often regarded with a respect that is tinged with admiration when they are possessed by persons of genius.

There is scarcely an author or musician of note who has not been distinguished by some foible that has excited the amusement of his friends. In many instances these foibles afford an index to the character of their victims. Some are natural, while others would seem to be the result of some inexplicable affection.

Viewed in any light, however, all are interesting.

Keats liked red pepper on his toast.

Dickens was fond of wearing flashy jewellery.

Joaquin Miller nailed all his chairs to the wall.

Walter Savage Landon threw the dishes around to relieve his mind.

Edgar Allan Poe slept with his cat.

Also, he was inordinately proud of his feet.

Daudet wore his eye-glasses when asleep. He did his best work when hungry.

Victor Hugo spoke little; his remarks usually were made in the form of questions.

Thackeray used to lift his hat whenever he passed the house in which he wrote Vanity Fair.

Alexander Dumas, the younger, bought a new painting everytime he had a new book published.

Edmund Clarence Steadman had his favorite cat sit in a high chair at the table every day at dinner.

Robert Louis Stevenson's favorite recreation was playing the flute, in order, as he said, to tune up his ideas.

Robert Browning could not sit still. With constant shuffling of his feet holes were worn in the carpet.

Longfellow enjoyed walking only at sunrise or sunset, and he said his most sublime words came upon him at these times.

Washington Irving never mentioned the name of his fiancée after her death, and if anyone else did he immediately left the room.

Hawthorne always washed his hands before reading a letter from his wife. He delighted in pouring over old advertisements in the newspaper files.

Thomas Babington Macaulay kept his closets crammed with elaborately embroidered waistcoats; the more gaudy they were, the better he liked them.

The older Disraeli grew, the greater became his desire to dress like a young man. He had a pen stuck behind each ear when writing.

Bjornson kept his pockets full of the seeds of trees scattering handfuls broadcast in his daily walks. He even tried to persuade his associates to do the same. —EX

Varsity vs. McGill GYM COMPETITION.

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ing the evening, and is sure to present a pleasing exhibition. This is the only appearance the Physical Eds make in public, and certainly should be well worth seeing.

The following are officials for tonight: Master of Ceremonies, Dr. Lamb; Judges, C. B. Powrie, T. H. Millar and S. Chard. Timekeeper: Mr. Van Wagner. Chief scorer, G. A. Holland.

Score sheets will be sold at the door to enable the onlookers to follow the results of each event. Tickets will be sold at the door and will also be obtainable at the Union.

The programme is as follows:—

1—Varsity vs. McGill—Horizontal Bar Exercises.

2—Rhythmic Exercises on the March—Year II, M.S.P.E.

3—Varsity vs. McGill, Parallel Bars.

4—(a) Athletic Dance—Year I, M. S. P. E.

(b)—Russian Skating Dance—Year II, M.S.P.E.

5—Varsity vs. McGill—Slide Horse.

6—Game by Year I, M.S.P.E.

7—Varsity vs. McGill—Mats (tumbling).

8—Basketball Game—Year I vs. Year II, M.S.P.E.

9—Special Burlesque by W. Werry.

The manager of a well known touring company wired to the proprietor of the theatre in a small town where his company was to appear:

"Would like to hold a rehearsal at your theatre tomorrow afternoon at three o'clock. Have your stage manager, stage carpenter, assistant stage carpenter, chief electrician, property man, and all stage hands present promptly at that hour."

Three hours later he received the reply:

"All right. He will be there."

well, Williams, Morris, Moore, Wilson, Wheelan, and Yerxa. All these men are urged to be at the Montreal High School range before two p. m. so that there may be no delay in starting.

ENGINEER OF REPUTE HAS PASSED AWAY

W. J. Francis, President of Canadian Eng. Inst., Died Suddenly

BRILLIANT CAREER

Younger Son Attending Classes in Science Faculty

The death occurred suddenly on Thursday of Walter J. Francis of this city, at his home on Prince Albert Avenue, Westmount. He is survived by his wife and two sons, the younger of whom is attending McGill University in the first year of the Faculty of Science.

The death of Mr. Francis has deprived Montreal of a very great man and one who had risen high in his profession. The death came almost instantaneously on Thursday afternoon. Mr. Francis had been taken ill a few weeks before but had seemingly recovered completely and was at his work ever since.

He was, at the time of death, President of the Engineering Institute of Canada having been elected in 1923 to succeed the late Arthur St. Laurent of Ottawa. At the end of the session he was unanimously returned to office.

Mr. Francis has had a very brilliant career and during his life he has performed some remarkable feats of engineering. Born in Toronto in 1872, he was educated at the University of Toronto and graduated in civil engineering. On entering his profession he was engaged on various works of construction in the Toronto Union Station from 1893-96 and the Trent Canal hydraulic lift-locks. In 1910 he was awarded the Gzowski Medal for that year by the Canadian Society of Civil Engineers for his paper on hydraulic lift-locks. He made an examination and report of the Herald disaster in 1910.

During the war Mr. Francis did much government work, the most important being the discovery of a method of heat-treating defective steel in shell-making which saved large quantities of otherwise useless munitions and which was of enormous value in the war.

Mr. Francis was affiliated with world-wide engineering organizations, being a member of the Corporation of Professional Engineers of Quebec and also of the American Institution of Consulting Engineers of Great Britain and America and societies in many countries. He was past president of the Rotary Club and was associated with Boy Scout movements as a president of the local association.

As a prominent member of the Board of Trade and the City Improvement League he has done work in connection with the city. Beside these offices he was connected with several hospitals, a high member of the Masonic Order and holds membership in several clubs both in Canada and the old country.

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CONFERENCE OF COLLEGES NEXA AUGUST.

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last year's meeting. Classical education was discussed at length. Committees were elected in 1923 to deal with Medical and legal education, Engineering education, Graduate work, athletics, scholarship, and Royal Military College credits. There were also Committees on Oriental students, correspondence with British and French Universities, and Dental education.

Members of McGill Faculties on Committees in 1923 were Dr. C. F. Martin, Dr. Simpson, Dr. I. A. MacKay, H. M. MacKay, Dean Adams, Dr. A. S. Lamb, Dr. Eves, Dr. Thornton, and Dr. Ruitan.

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Members of the McGill Theatre Night Players. The class would attend the dinner and after it repair en bloc to the theatre. A debate, to which many present contributed, followed. Friday, March 28th, being especially a Student's Night Performance was favoured by the majority. It was pointed out, however, that for some members of the class Saturday night would be much more convenient.

Most of those for whom it was thought Saturday night would be preferable were not present, so the President suggested that a Committee be formed to travel for those opinions not brought to the surface at the meeting, and also to decide upon the night of the dinner. This Committee to which were unanimously elected, the president, Sessenwein, Vimeberg and A. R. Stone was also empowered to make the financial arrangements for the dinner. An amendment by Alexander that this Committee also be responsible for securing tickets for the class in a block at the chosen performance, was carried. The final decision of the Committee about the April 24 Dinner, will

approaching, the river, like most other rivers, must be crossed, and work therefore at present holds the field. A Graduation Committee, however, will be appointed within a month to look after all details of class graduation.

The Junior Basketball Team is scheduled to play its last game of the season with the Engineers Team tonight at Molson's Hall at 8 p.m. This game is a postponed fixture, and besides being a home game, is the last match of the year, so that it is hoped that it will successfully round off the Junior's programme. The McGill men and the Engineers are about evenly matched and the game, should be a close one. Both teams hold about the same position in the league. However, as neither team is at the top, the game will not decide a final event, but will be simply an exhibition of good basketball.

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HISTORICAL CLUB DATE IS CHANGED

Papers on Christianity and Mohammedanism

The meeting of the Historical Club which was to take place on Tuesday night has been changed to Wednesday night on account of the meeting of the Students Society, which is very important. As has been great importance. As was previously announced, the place of meeting is at the residence of Mr. W. G. M. Shepherd of Edgemoor Road.

The question which will be discussed are both of a religious nature, but it is not likely that they will include any burdensome technicalities that would tend to detract from the general interest. During the latter part of last session a group was held at Strathcona Hall for the discussion of "Comparative Religions," and to any of the members of the Club who took part in the discussions there, next week's gathering should prove doubly valuable.

There will be two papers delivered by R. C. Tennant and A. O. Lloyd, of Arts '26 and Arts '25 respectively. Lloyd will read the first of the two, and his subject will be "Christianity: Present Day Debaters." Lloyd is a well known debater of the Club, where he always contributes to the discussions in an entertaining manner. He is also a theological student, and for this reason should have some concrete opinions on his subject.

Tennant's subject will be a review of the Moslem religion from its inception by the Prophet Mahomet thirteen hundred years ago, to the twentieth century. This speaker is an Honour student in History, and a student of this period, so thoughtful papers are assured from both contributors.

An open-minded discussion, such as is sure to follow the papers, cannot fail to make students realise that there are other views besides their own, as a prominent member of the Club mentioned recently. On the whole, the evening's entertainment should be of the greatest interest to all members of the Club.

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DENTISTRY BILL IS NOW CHANGED

Four-Year Delay After Acceptance Removed

In the Private Bills Committee of the Legislative Council, the bill, regarding the Dental profession, was amended in such a way that the undergraduates now at McGill will not be subjected to the delay of four years from the date of matriculation provided by the present law and the new bill. By another amendment, the case of the graduates was provided for. This is of great importance to Dentistry students, as 18 students at McGill, and 3 at the University of Montreal are especially affected.

All these arrangements are, of course, dependent on the bill becoming law, but it seems to be now practically certain that it will pass.

The present rule, and that which will be in force under the new act, is that to obtain permission to practise, the Province of Quebec students must be permitted to study by the Dental Board. After this a period of four years must elapse before they can practise.

The substance of the amendment as it affects graduates, fourth year students, and lower year students, respectively, is as follows:—

Holders of the degree of D.D.S. who have never obtained a certificate of competency or been admitted to study by the Board, will be licensed and admitted to practise at once on passing the examination provided for by the bill, i.e. The final examination at the University, at which there will be assessors appointed by the Board.

Undergraduates at present in the fourth year who have no certificate of competency, and have never been admitted to study, will be admitted to practise at once on passing the final examinations provided for by the bill at the end of the present year.

Undergraduates of the first, second, and third years, are required to obtain one of the qualifications necessary for a certificate of competency, namely a B.A. degree, the completion of the second year of an Arts Course, or the successful passing of the examination for permission to study.

Provided that these undergraduates obtain one of these qualifications before the end of their present Dental course, they will be admitted to practise at once on passing their final examination as provided by the bill; that is, they will avoid the delay of four years.

In future, however, it will be necessary for all undergraduates to obtain a certificate of competency at the commencement of their course, and they will not be admitted to practise until four years after they have obtained such a certificate and have been registered as dental students by the Dental Board.

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